



## SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On Wednesday, August 11, 2004, at 1:15 PM, a serious personal injury accident occurred when an A-25 Volvo Hauler operator was hauling mine refuse down a grade of approximately 18%. The operator felt like his braking power was lost and he jumped from the truck and rolled 21 feet after he landed in a ditch beside the road. The impact of the jump caused a fracture to his right hip, multiple fractures to his left foot, a fracture to his right foot, and a cracked vertebra in the lumbar region of his back. The employee was found 162 feet from where the hauler came to rest on the right berm.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Pre-operational checks should be accomplished by each operator of a mobile piece of equipment.
- Grease, oil or other foreign matter should not be allowed to accumulate on braking systems.
- The speed of mobile equipment should be consistent with the grade where it is operated.
- The conditions of the roadway and the weather should be always evaluated when operating mobile equipment on grades.
- Seat belts should always be worn when mobile equipment is in motion.

**ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM**